

REMARKS

In the 3 July 2006 *Advisory Action*, the Examiner asserts that Applicants' previous response failed to place the Application into condition for allowance. In response, Applicants file this response and amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. More specifically, Applicants present claim amendments that introduce subject matter the Examiner deemed allowable in the 12 January 2006 and 28 July 2005 *Office Actions* into currently pending independent Claims 1, 14, and 23. After entry of this Response, Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 17-28 remain pending and are believed to be in allowable condition.

Applicants present this submission solely to facilitate prosecution in light of the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Further, Applicants do not concede that the previous rejections are correct; rather, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-28 as originally filed and later amended were at all times in allowable condition. Applicants also reserve the right to pursue claims of broader or similar scope as originally filed in a continuation application or other application after allowance of the present application.

I. Currently Pending Claims 1-4, 6-16, & 17-28 Are Allowable

Applicants respectfully assert that the Application is in condition for immediate allowance since Applicants' currently pending independent Claims (1, 14, and 23) recite subject matter previously deemed allowable by the Examiner. In addition, Applicants amend Claims 1, 14, and 23 to remove the subject matter previously rejected by the Examiner. In accordance with § 1.116, therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above presented amendments since the amendments place the application into condition for allowance.

II. Fees

Applicants file this *Response* within three months of the 16 May 2006 *Final Office Action* and with no additional claims. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no extension or claims fees are due. The Commissioner is authorized, however, to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

III. Conclusion

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the *Final Office Action* mailed 16 May 2006. Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 17-28 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests passing of this case in due course of patent office business. If the Examiner believes there are other issues that can be resolved by a telephone interview, or there are any informalities remaining in the application which may be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to Hunter Yancey at (404) 885-3696 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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